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Louise Hays Park and Lehmann & Monroe Park Improvements
Concept Unveiled

Kerrville, Texas (September 27, 2013) – The Economic Improvement Corporation and the City Council were both presented this week with the design concept for the Louise Hays Park and Lehmann & Monroe Park improvements. The concept designed, by Peter Lewis Architect + Associates, PLLC, is available [online](#) and includes an interactive fountain plaza which will have capabilities for colored light shows; shade structures; improved parking to be located throughout the park and relocation of the current river rock parking area to under the Sidney Baker Bridge which will enhance the view of the Guadalupe River and add green space; upgraded restrooms; upgraded pavilion; two amphitheaters designed to accommodate both smaller intimate events and larger events while incorporating the Centennial stage; dance floor; and a dog park facility. The River Trail project will pick up from Tranquility Island in Louise Hays Park and continue to Kerrville-Schreiner Park. This segment will bring the trail to a total of approximately four miles.

Louise Hays Park closed August 15, 2013 to accommodate the utility project with the addition of a 16" water transmission main and 21" gravity sewer main. The utility

lines, designed by Freese and Nichols Incorporated, are being constructed by Nelson Lewis Incorporated, and will ultimately route from Lemos Street to G Street which will tie into larger utility projects for city wide capacity. The River Trail and Park Improvement projects will begin following the completion of the utility projects. The three projects were coordinated and scheduled consecutively to minimize cost and total impact to the public. The park is tentatively scheduled to re-open in March 2015.

With the completion of the Louise Hays Park Improvements and River Trail, Kerrville will have a public space that is a destination for daily park activity, river access and concessions, places for exercise and viewing nature, home to numerous special events, and gathering places for large group outings. Each facility in the park will meet current building code and access requirements and will have something for all ages and interests.

The first segment of the River Trail, which opened December 15, 2012, extends 0.7 miles from the Riverside Nature Center to Tranquility Island at Louise Hays Park. This segment will remain open during construction with pedestrian access from the back entrance of the Library stairway near the new playscape. The trail head at the Riverside Nature Center will remain open as well. Promotional “free” days will be offered at Kerrville-Schreiner Park (KSP) every Tuesday until Louise Hays Park re-opens in March 2015.

The Louise Hays Park Improvements and River Trail Project are both funded through the City of Kerrville’s Economic Improvement Corporation. The City of Kerrville apologizes for any inconvenience this closure may cause, and looks forward to the grand re-opening / ribbon cutting.

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